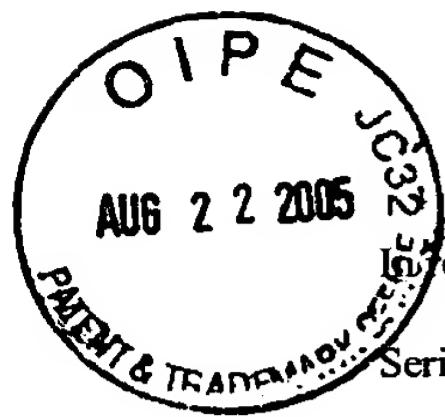


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Serial No.: 09/864,990

GROUP ART UNIT: 2828

Filed: May 24, 2001

EXAMINER: P. Nguyen

For: Arrangements for increasing sputter life in gas discharge tube

Response to May 17, 2005 Office Action

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*23	MINUS	**26	X	() X 9.00 () X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	*3	MINUS	3	X	() X 40.00 () X 80.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.			() YES () NO		() \$135.00 () \$270.00 ONE TIME	
			TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$0.00	

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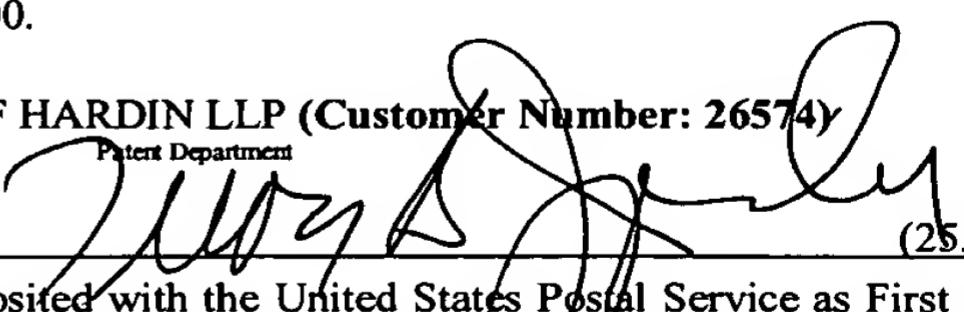
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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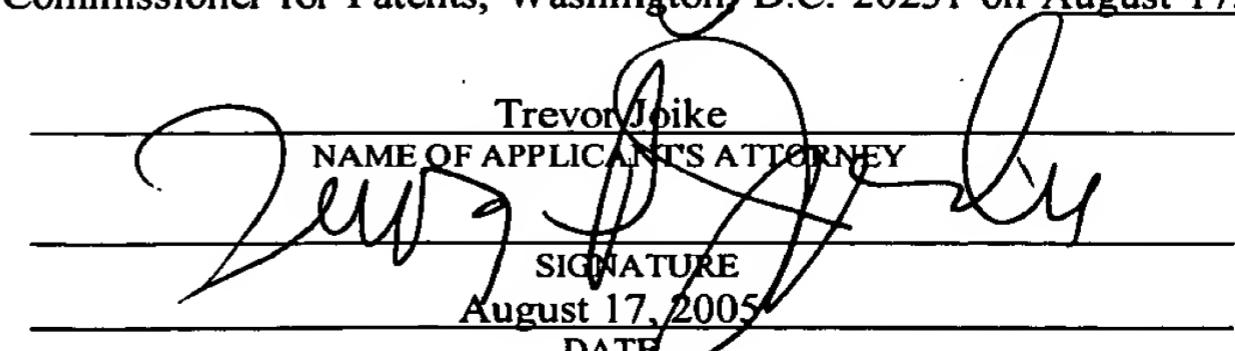
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-8, 10, 12, and 14-26 are now in the application. Of these claims, claims 1-7 and 15-26 are allowed, claim 8 is rejected, and claims 10, 12, and 14 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim but are otherwise considered to be allowable.